

# THE SPECTRUM OF COMPACT HYPERSURFACE IN SPHERE

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## Abstract

*Let  $M$  be a compact minimal hypersurface of sphere  $S^{n+1}(1)$ . Let  $\bar{M}$  be  $H(r)$ -torus of sphere  $S^{n+1}(1)$ . Assume they have the same constant mean curvature  $H$ , the result in [1] is that if  $\text{Spec}^0(M, g) = \text{Spec}^0(\bar{M}, g)$ , then for  $3 \leq n \leq 6, r^2 \leq \frac{n-1}{n}$  or  $n \geq 6, r^2 \geq \frac{n-1}{n}$ , then  $M$  is isometric to  $\bar{M}$ . We improved the result and prove that: if  $\text{Spec}^0(M, g) = \text{Spec}^0(\bar{M}, g)$ , then  $M$  is isometric to  $\bar{M}$ . Generally, if  $\text{Spec}^p(M, g) = \text{Spec}^p(\bar{M}, g)$ , here  $p$  is fixed and satisfies that  $n(n-1) \neq 6p(n-p)$ , then  $M$  is isometric to  $\bar{M}$ .*

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Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact oriented  $n$  dimensional Riemann manifold,  $\Delta^p$  be the Laplace operator acting on  $p$ -forms on  $M$ . Then we have its discrete spectrum, which is denoted it by

$$\text{Spec}^p(M, g) = \{0 \leq \lambda_1^p \leq \lambda_2^p \leq \dots < +\infty\}.$$

One important problem on spectrum is the following: Let  $(M, g)$  and  $(\bar{M}, g)$  be a compact oriented  $n$  dimensional Riemann manifolds with  $\text{Spec}^p(M, g) = \text{Spec}^p(\bar{M}, g)$ , then is  $(M, g)$  iso-

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metric to  $(\overline{M}, g)$ ? This problem is proved to be wrong by J.Milnor in 1964. But when  $(M, G)$  and  $(\overline{M}, g)$  are some special Riemann manifolds, under certain conditions, we can prove that  $(M, g)$  is isometric to  $(\overline{M}, g)$ .

A recent result in [1] is as follows:

**Theorem A.** *Let  $M$  be an  $H(r)$ -torus and  $\overline{M}$  be a compact hypersurface. Assume that they have the same constant mean curvature  $H$  and*

$$\text{Spec}^0(M, g) = \text{Spec}^0(\overline{M}, g).$$

*Then under the following condition:  $3 \leq n \leq 6, r^2 \leq \frac{n-1}{n}$  or  $n \geq 6, r^2 \geq \frac{n-1}{n}$ , then  $M$  is isometric to  $\overline{M}$ .*

We improve the result and obtain the followign conclusions.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $M$  be an  $H(r)$ -torus and  $\overline{M}$  be a compact hypersurface. Assume that they have the same constant mean curvature  $H$  and*

$$\text{Spec}^p(M, g) = \text{Spec}^p(\overline{M}, g),$$

*here  $p$  is fixed and satisfies that  $n(n-1) \neq 6p(n-p)$ . Then  $M$  is isometric to  $\overline{M}$ .*

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $M$  be an  $H(r)$ -torus and  $\overline{M}$  be a compact hypersurface. Assume that they have the same constant mean curvature  $H$  and  $\text{Spec}^0(M, g) = \text{Spec}^0(\overline{M}, g)$ . Then  $M$  is isometric to  $\overline{M}$ .*

**Lemma 1**<sup>[3]</sup>. *Let  $\lambda_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$  be real numbers such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 0$ . Then*

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^3 \right| \leq \frac{n-2}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 \right)^{\frac{3}{2}},$$

*and equality holds, if and only if  $\lambda_1 = \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2}, \lambda_2 = \dots = \lambda_n = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2}$  in addition to the order or the opposite orientation.*

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\lambda_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$  be real numbers such that*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 = A.$$

*Then*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^4 \leq \frac{n^2 - 3n + 3}{n(n-1)} A^2,$$

*and equality holds if and only if  $(n-1)$  of the  $\lambda_i$ 's are equal.*

We have the Minakshisundaram formula:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_i^p t} \sim (4\pi t)^{\frac{n}{2}} \sum_{i=0}^n a_i^p t^i, \quad t \rightarrow 0^+,$$

$$a_0^p = \binom{n}{p} \text{Vol}(M),$$

$$a_1^p = \int_M c(n, p) r * 1,$$

$$a_2^p = \int_M (c_1(n, p)\rho^2 + c_2(n, p)|\text{Ric}|^2 + c_3(n, p)|R|^2) * 1,$$

where  $\rho$ ,  $\text{Ric}$ ,  $R$  are Scalar curvature, Ricci curvature tensor, and Riemann curvature tensor respectively.

Later, we will denote  $c_i(n, p)$  by  $c_i$ ,  $c(n, p)$  by  $c$ ,

$$c = \frac{1}{6} \binom{n}{p} - \binom{n-2}{p-1},$$

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{72} \binom{n}{p} - \frac{1}{6} \binom{n-2}{p-1} + \frac{1}{2} \binom{n-4}{p-2},$$

$$c_2 = -\frac{1}{180} \binom{n}{p} + \frac{1}{2} \binom{n-2}{p-1} - 2 \binom{n-4}{p-2},$$

$$c_3 = \frac{1}{180} \binom{n}{p} - \frac{1}{12} \binom{n-2}{p-1} + 2 \binom{n-4}{p-2}.$$

*Proof of Theorem 1.* For  $M$ , we choose a local adapted orthonormal frames  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$

such that the second fundamental form of  $M$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$  at the point of  $p$ . By simple

calculating, we get

$$\rho = n(n-1) + nH^2 - S, \tag{1}$$

$$|\text{Ric}|^2 = n(n-1)^2 + 2(n-1)n^2H^2 - 2(n-1)S + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^4 + Sn^2H^2 - 2nH \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^3, \tag{2}$$

$$|R|^2 = 2n(n-1) + 2S^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^4 + 4n^2H^2 - 4S. \tag{3}$$

We set  $\varphi = S - nH^2, u_i = H - \lambda_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ , then we have

$$\rho = n(n - 1) + \varphi, \tag{4}$$

$$|\text{Ric}|^2 = n(n - 1)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^4 + (2n - 4)H \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^3 + [(n^2 - 6n + 6)H^2 - 2(n - 1)]\varphi + (n - 1)^2 nH^2(H^2 + 2), \tag{5}$$

$$|R|^2 = 2n(n - 1) + 2\varphi^2 + (4nH^2 - 12H^2 - 4)\varphi + 8H \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^3 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^4 + 2n(n - 1)H^2(H^2 + 2). \tag{6}$$

Similarly, we choose a local field of adapted orthonormal frames  $\{\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \dots, \bar{e}_n\}$  in  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\{\bar{e}_1\}$  and  $\{\bar{e}_2, \dots, \bar{e}_n\}$  are local field of orthonormal frames of  $S^1(\sqrt{1 - r^2})$  and  $S^{n-1}(r)$  respectively. By choosing  $\{\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \dots, \bar{e}_n\}$  properly, we can assume that the matrix of the second fundamental form of  $\bar{M}$  is  $\text{diag}(-r/\sqrt{1 - r^2}, r^{-1}\sqrt{1 - r^2}I_{n-1})$  at every point of  $\bar{M}$ . We denote the Riemann curvature tensor, the Ricci curvature tensor and scalar curvature of  $\bar{M}$  by  $\bar{R}, \bar{\text{Ric}}, \bar{\rho}$  respectively.

We set

$$\bar{\varphi} = \bar{S} - n\bar{H}^2 = \bar{S} - nH^2,$$

where  $\bar{S}$  and  $\bar{H}$  are the length of the second fundamental form and mean curvature respectively. Since  $\text{Spec}^0(M, g) = \text{Spec}^0(\bar{M}, g)$ , we have

$$\text{Vol}(M) = \text{Vol}(\bar{M}), \quad \int_M \rho * 1 = \int_{\bar{M}} \bar{\rho} * 1, \tag{7}$$

$$\int_M (c_1 \rho^2 + c_2 |R|^2 + c_3 |\text{Ric}|^2) * 1 = \int_{\bar{M}} (c_1 \bar{\rho}^2 + c_2 |\bar{R}|^2 + c_3 |\bar{\text{Ric}}|^2) * 1. \tag{8}$$

Using (7) we get

$$\int_M \varphi * 1 = \int_{\bar{M}} \bar{\varphi} * 1. \tag{9}$$

Using (4),(5),(6),(8) and (9), we easily get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M [(c_1 + 2c_3)\varphi^2 + (c_2(2n - 4) + 8c_3)H \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^3 + (c_2 - 2c_3) \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^4] * 1 \\ &= \int_{\bar{M}} [(c_1 + 2c_3)\bar{\varphi}^2 + (c_2(2n - 4) + 8c_3)H \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{u}_i^3 + (c_2 - 2c_3) \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{u}_i^4] * 1. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

If  $(c_2(2n - 4) + 8c_3)H \geq 0, (c_2 - 2c_3) \geq 0$ , using (9),(10), lemma 1 and lemma 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M \{(c_1 + 2c_3) + (c_2 - 2c_3) \frac{n^2 - 3n + 3}{n(n - 1)} + \frac{1}{2}[c_2(2n - 4) + 8c_3][(n - 1) - nr^2](n - 2)\} \varphi^2 * 1 \\ & \leq \int_{\bar{M}} \{(c_1 + 2c_3) + (c_2 - 2c_3) \frac{n^2 - 3n + 3}{n(n - 1)} + \frac{1}{2}[c_2(2n - 4) + 8c_3][(n - 1) - nr^2](n - 2)\} \bar{\varphi}^2 * 1. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M \left\{ (c_1 + 2c_3) + (c_2 - 2c_3) \frac{n^2 - 3n + 3}{n(n-1)} + \frac{1}{2} [c_2(2n-4) + 8c_3] [(n-1) - nr^2] (n-2) \right\} \varphi^2 * 1 \\ & \geq \int_M \left\{ (c_1 + 2c_3) + (c_2 - 2c_3) \frac{n^2 - 3n + 3}{n(n-1)} + \frac{1}{2} [c_2(2n-4) + 8c_3] [(n-1) - nr^2] (n-2) \right\} \bar{\varphi}^2 * 1. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Using (11),(12), we get that if

$$c_1 + 2c_3 + (c_2 - 2c_3) \frac{n^2 - 3n + 3}{n(n-1)} + \frac{1}{2} [c_2(2n-4) + 8c_3] [(n-1) - nr^2] (n-2) \neq 0,$$

we have  $\int_M \varphi^2 * 1 = \int_M \bar{\varphi}^2 * 1$ ; if

$$c_1 + 2c_3 + (c_2 - 2c_3) \frac{n^2 - 3n + 3}{n(n-1)} + \frac{1}{2} [c_2(2n-4) + 8c_3] [(n-1) - nr^2] (n-2) = 0,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M (c_2(2n-4) + 8c_3) H \frac{n-2}{2nr\sqrt{1-r^2}} \varphi * 1 \\ & \leq \int_M [(c_1 + 2c_3)\varphi^2 + (c_2(2n-4) + 8c_3) H \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^3 + (c_2 - 2c_3) \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^4] * 1 \\ & = \int_M [(c_1 + 2c_3)\bar{\varphi}^2 + (c_2(2n-r) + 8c_3) H \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{u}_i^3 + (c_2 - 2c_3) \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{u}_i^4] * 1 \\ & = \int_M (c_2(2n-r) + 8c_3) H \frac{n-2}{2nr\sqrt{1-r^2}} \bar{\varphi} * 1. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Using (9), we know

$$\int_M (c_2(2n-4) + 8c_3) H \frac{n-2}{2nr\sqrt{1-r^2}} \varphi * 1 = \int_M (c_2(2n-4) + 8c_3) H \frac{n-2}{2nr\sqrt{1-r^2}} \bar{\varphi} * 1.$$

Note that all the inequalities hold, we get after remuneration if necessary

$$u_1 = (n-1) \sqrt{\frac{1}{n(n-1)}} \varphi, \quad u_2 = \dots = u_n = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{n(n-1)}} \varphi, \quad \varphi = \frac{n-1}{nr^2(1-r^2)},$$

so we have

$$\lambda_1 = H - u_1 = -\frac{r}{\sqrt{1-r^2}}, \quad u_2 = \dots = u_n = \frac{\sqrt{1-r^2}}{r}.$$

If

$$(c_2(2n-4) + 8c_3)H \geq 0, \quad (c_2 - 2c_3) < 0,$$

or

$$(c_2(2n-4) + 8c_3)H \geq 0, \quad (c_2 - 2c_3) \geq 0,$$

or

$$(c_2(2n-4) + 8c_3)H \geq 0, \quad (c_2 - 2c_3) \geq 0,$$

the same as the above, we have the same result.

From [3] we know that  $M$  is isometric to  $\overline{M}$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

*Proof of Theorem 2.* If  $n = 1$ , we know Theorem 2 is correct from [1]; if  $n \neq 1, n(n-1) \neq 0$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1, so Theorem 2 is correct. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

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